

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 currently remain in the application. None of the claims is herein amended.

Regarding the matter of information disclosure statement in page 2 of the Official Letter, the Examiner is hereby informed that those references mentioned in the early part of the specification are intended to merely show the background of the invention and not considered by applicant to be material for determining patentability of the invention. For this reason, these references will not be submitted as information disclosure statement.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 over Furusawa for disclosing a method of setting a single target in an overlapping area (of first and second detection areas) and detecting axial displacement of the second detection area based on an image of the target taken by a camera. However, Furusawa relates merely to the adjustment of the optical axis of a single camera (or its image-taking range), and there is no description of adjusting optical axes of both a distance-measuring apparatus such as a radar and a camera by using a single target for them. The Examiner is requested to review Paragraph [0009] of Furusawa where it is stated that technologies adapted to extract only one characteristic point can detect only very small displacements of optical axis and to note that Furusawa continues on in [0010] to emphasize the advantage of using two targets. In other words, Furusawa is essentially teaching away from using only one target for the adjustment of optical axis of a camera. Adjustment of optical axes of two apparatus (a camera and a radar) is even more remote from Furusawa. It is therefore to be concluded that Furusawa cannot predicate the Examiner's rejection.

Regarding the matter of double patenting in page 3 of the Official Letter, the Examiner is hereby informed of the intent of applicant to cancel claims 1 and 8 of Application 11/093396 if the present application is allowed. Thus, the problem of double patenting will not arise.

The Examiner's finding of the allowable subject matter in claims 2-6 and 8-14 is gratefully acknowledged.

It is therefore believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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